

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Report for the month of MARCH, 1947.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st December 1946 was estimated to be 498,146, comprising 257,663 males and 240,483 females.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	No.	FEBRUARY		2 months ended	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Marriages	No.	488	434	1,015	830
"	*Rate per 1000 of population	12.74	11.49	12.59	10.43
Births	No.	1,102	742	2,482	1,669
"	*Rate per 1000 of population	28.77	19.64	30.78	20.97
Deaths	No.	364	276	738	713
"	*Rate per 1000 of population	9.50	7.30	9.15	8.96
Infant Mortality	No.	44	16	77	55
" "	Rate per 1000 Live Births	39.93	21.56	31.02	32.95

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -

Tuberculosis	8	12	25	26
Cancer	54	32	95	92
Influenza	-	-	-	2
Diphtheria	2	-	2	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	24	25	60	71
Arteriosclerosis	16	3	34	11
Diseases of the Heart	81	76	178	186
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia	17	14	43	44
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	3	5	8
Nephritis	12	4	24	18
Diseases of Early Infancy	17	9	36	29
Senility	13	9	26	17
Accidents	26	25	49	62
All Other Causes	92	64	161	145
TOTAL	364	276	738	713

*Equivalent Annual Rate

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March totalled 163,083 acres, an increase of 106,795 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 2,322,351 acres, an increase of 1,732,297 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of MARCH		9 months ended March	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue ..	1,290,634	1,247,128	10,195,653	9,828,624
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.11.7d.	£2.10.7d.	£20.10.0d.	£19.19.11d.
Expenditure ..	1,266,019	1,228,479	10,875,185	10,645,143
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2.10.8d.	£2.9.10d.	£21.17.4d.	£21.13.2d.

SAVINGS BANKS

Deposits on the 31st March amounted to £36,375,079, or £72.13.6d. per head of population, as against £37,645,209, or £76.6.11d. per head as at the 31st March last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 26th March 1947 amounted to £4,068,107, compared with £3,520,368 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	MARCH		9 months ended March	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Transfers ..	(No.)	1,606	1,513	13,855
	(£.)	995,910	660,083	7,224,841
Mortgages ..	(No.)	872	691	7,908
	(£.)	881,713	589,647	6,924,469
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	877	782	7,200
				5,598

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods		Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)	Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected	
	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
1946 -					
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304	143,435	
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961	141,175	
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413	168,832	
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664	
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,818	142,235	
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837	
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108	
October	1,335,348	1,012,132	2,018,926	200,216	
November	1,226,307	1,002,723	1,727,609	186,457	
December	922,086	690,278	1,550,072	131,072	
1947 -					
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721	
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422	
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,225	

COMPANIES REGISTERED

73 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £1,418,250, and 34 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended 31st March 1947. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 37 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £730,100 and 19 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Nine months ended MARCH
1947 1946

	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	15	14,568	3,523	8	16,281	6,259
Deeds of Assignment (a)	8	12,997	9,023	1	2,025	230
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

	FEBRUARY		8 months ended February	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings	£.	330,900	324,200	2,622,100
Working Expenses	£.	346,070	328,185	2,799,498
Train miles run		562,451	498,146	4,312,388
Passenger Journeys		1,085,729	1,428,941	8,779,983
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods		216,871	200,632	1,509,860
Livestock		11,386	10,569	104,838
Departmental (Free Freight)		37,510	37,726	332,979
Total		265,767	248,927	1,947,677
				2,022,610
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods		31,202,463	25,909,634	209,966,376
Livestock		1,332,334	1,350,106	13,187,267
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,790,218	5,480,852	52,731,402
Total		38,325,015	32,740,592	275,885,045
				264,320,535

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA					ENTIRE STATE				
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Hire Cars)	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	
	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1945	32	218	8	107		39	475	9	174	
Year 1946	536	328	11	422		637	718	16	513	
1947 -										
January	111	27	2	52		149	79	2	66	
February	95	38	1	65		137	108	1	85	
March	84	54	1	67		(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (As at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA					ENTIRE STATE				
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Hire Cars)	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	
	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1945 -										
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783		30,635	23,649	294	4,501	
December	18,399	6,771	201	3,184		30,403	25,367	244	5,109	
1946 -										
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295		31,316	28,147	309	5,794	
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709		31,777	30,096	319	7,324	
1947 -										
January	19,774	8,883	250	4,806		30,777	27,920	304	7,332	
February	20,142	9,151	251	4,983		31,972	29,836	309	7,660	
March	20,298	9,297	252	5,111		(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 - FEBRUARY	89	384	5	3

T R A D E

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - February 1947 and 1946, and 8 months ended February 1947 and 1946 - expressed in terms of Australian currency.

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS			
	8 months ended				8 months ended			
	FEBRUARY (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	FEBRUARY (£1000)	1946 (£1000)	1947 (£1000)	1946 (£1000)
Oversea	664	459	6,033	3,531	2,649	1,963	14,406	10,487
Interstate	1,597	1,329	13,814	10,325	375	273	2,546	4,991
Total	2,261	1,788	19,847	13,856	3,024	2,236	16,952	15,478

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
MARCH, 1947	98	109,179	2	1,152	253	20,475	353	130,806
MARCH, 1946	84	76,794	15	7,752	288	25,769	387	110,315
9 months ended March 1947	1198	1,332,719	79	83,892	2,043	285,312	3,320	1,701,923
9 months ended March 1946	882	742,568	53	40,116	1,834	226,753	2,769	1,009,437

*Including dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme, except those for construction in South Perth Road District or by Public Works Department.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	*New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
MARCH, 1947	35	32,985	2	850	44	2,354	81	36,189
MARCH, 1946	11	7,941	8	3,880	48	3,410	67	15,231
9 months ended March 1947	227	190,393	27	10,324	373	39,066	627	239,783
9 months ended March 1946	133	95,482	29	11,477	299	25,284	461	132,243

*Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

409,259 lbs. were produced during February and 11,420,046 lbs. for the eight months ended February 1947, as against 400,143 lbs. and 10,982,496 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION

Quantity	Fine Oz.	MARCH		3 months ended March	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
Quantity	..	52,045	39,856	166,876	119,850
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	560,135	428,945	1,796,009	1,289,890

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the three months ended March 1947 amounted to £202,812. Dividends reported for the corresponding period last year were £79,062.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	MARCH		9 months ended March	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan	1083	1067	1059	1062
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1215	1201	1191	1192
Northam	1100	1078	1074	1069
Bunbury	1084	1062	1058	1047
Geraldton	1108	1088	1083	1083
Collie	1098	1078	1073	1072

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)				RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)					
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	128	137	142	145	162	865	826	870	995	1134
February	130	138	142	148	163	861	824	868	1016	1138
March	132	139	144	151		846	825	877	1045	
April	134	139	144	153		835	827	876	1051	
May	131	140	144	154		836	832	891	1069	
June	135	139	145	154		835	829	903	1087	
July	136	140	146	156(a)		828	832	899	1096	
August	136	140	145	157		814	832	897	1109	
September	137	140	143	158		806	834	914	1114	
October	138	140	141	161		801	837	929	1118	
November	136	141	141	160		814	851	965	1133	
December	137	142	145	161		840	886	1012	1165	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	MARCH		9 months ended March	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	17,978	16,779	148,246	140,289
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	15,277	13,743	126,524	118,330

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
MARCH, 1947	5,654	228	72,376	11,722
MARCH, 1946	6,108	219	87,243	13,955
3 months ended March 1947	14,950	828	230,880	37,131
3 months ended March 1946	14,373	615	195,330	45,966

